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SUBJECT: OPIC INVESTMENT APPLICATION - CHEMTEX 515-76-281

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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EXPLANATION OF RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN SUBJECT APPLICATION AND CHEMTEX APPLICATION
NO. 515-74-115. IS CURRENT INVESTMENT IN ADDITION TO,
OR MODIFICATION OF, ORIGINAL INVESTMENT?

2. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO VIEW OLYMPIC FIBERS, S.A.
PROJECT FAVORABLY. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE OPIC SHOULD
BE ALERTED TO PROBLEM WHICH HAS RECENTLY ARisen
IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT. COSTA
RICAN CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS WERE QUOTED IN LOCAL
PRESS LAST WEEK AS HAVING STATED THAT THE HEIGHT
OF ONE OF THE PLANTS BUILDINGS CONSTITUTES A
NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD FOR AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF FROM
NEARBY JUAN SANTAMARIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.
CIVAIR OFFICIALS ARE PRESENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER
OR NOT A REDUCTION IN THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING
WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE SAFETY
MARGIN FOR DEPARTING AIRCRAFT. UNTIL THIS DECISION
IS REACHED THE IMPACT, IF ANY, ON OLYMPIC FIBER'S
PROJECT CANNOT BE ASSESSED.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
THAT OPIC WITHHOLD FINAL APPROVAL OF CHEMTEX
LATEST APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT INSURANCE UNTIL
THE QUESTION OF MODIFICATION OF THE BUILDING IS
DEFINITELY RESOLVED, AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR
OLYMPIC FIBER'S PROJECT OF THIS RESOLUTION ARE
CLEAR.
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